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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on May 2, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Amended claims 21-23 and 27 are now directed to a plurality of four double locking mortise joints and a table top having four tabletop edges, a combination. Claims 21-27 are now directed to a distinct invention than originally presented on the merits. Note that the original claims filed on 11/19/01 were directed to "a double locking mortise joint". Applicant cannot shift inventions during prosecution on the merits of the application. Applicant needs to present claims to a double locking mortise joint and not the combination because claims 21-23 and 27 appear to be directed to a table as the combination of four joints and a tabletop inherently make up a table as described and not a mortise joint as originally claimed. Further, the status of claims 1 and 5-20 have the incorrect status identifier. Note, this issue with respect to claims 1 and 5-20 has been revisited. Applicant cannot withdraw claims. It is believed that applicant intended to cancel claims 1 and 5-20 at the time the RCE was submitted. Further, it is noted that the issue on the switch of inventions as currently presented has not been addressed by the applicant. How does presenting claims to the combination not switch inventions as originally presented? Applicants have only submitted amendments without addressing the issue.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever

is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ernesto Garcia whose telephone number is 571-272-7083. The examiner can normally be reached from 9:30-5:30. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel P. Stodola can be reached at 571-272-7087.

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